

# Saint Edith Stein Roman Catholic Church

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**COVID-19 UPDATE:**

The parish is open with limited masses and restricted to about 80 people.

## Marriage Sunday February 12/13, 2022

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who nurture marriage ministries - marriage preparation, enrichment, etc. First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins designated the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend in Ontario as "Marriage Sunday". In 2022, **Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on February 12/13, 2022.**

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+, register to attend:

<https://bit.ly/MarriageSunday-Register2022>

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

- all by appointment only

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

## ON STEWARDSHIP...

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

## IS GOD CALLING YOU...

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood. If God is calling you call:

Vocations at 416-968-0997  
[email vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).

Schools in the area:

St. Anselm	416-393-5243
Holy Cross	416-393-5242
Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000



*“Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.”*

## The Uphill Struggle of Discipleship

According to a myth popular among the ancient Greeks, Sisyphus, the king of Corinth and reputed founder of the Isthmian Games, was punished by gods because he outwitted them. Punishment was to push an enormous boulder up a steep incline. The moment he reached the top, the boulder would roll down and Sisyphus had to begin all over again. **The task of bearing the message of God’s word to others and the daily duties of discipleship can be similarly burdensome, requiring similar “Sisyphean” strength and endurance.**

Each day, the disciple must accept to begin anew the often uphill struggle of hearing, keeping, living, doing, preaching and witnessing to the truth of God’s word. Because that message of truth often brings to light that which is slack and sinful and challenges those who hear it to repentance and conversion, the bearer of the message is sometimes abused. **Shooting the messenger is often deemed easier than allowing the message of truth to penetrate, penalize and purify.**

That Jeremiah and Jesus experience the weighty burdens of their respective ministries is clearly seen in today’s first reading (Jer 1: 4-5,

17-19) and gospel (Luke 4:21-30). Recall the utterances warning Jeremiah of the resistance and rejection he would encounter. Initially well received by his hometown crowd Jesus soon became the object of their derision. **Paul knew that many would find the word of God on love (2nd Reading, 1Cor. 12:31-13) to be impractical, even impossible to implement.** Paul, like Jesus and Jeremiah before him, was convinced that the living word of the living God is **the norm** by which believers are to form their values and set their priorities, **the challenge** to which they are to respond, **a means** by which they come to God and themselves and the tool by which attitudes are adjusted, and hearts are sensitized to others’ needs.

By virtue of the presence of God within, Jeremiah, Paul, Jesus and every struggling disciple are rendered capable of exercising a prophetic ministry. **Are we ready to become God’s prophetic voice in bringing the churches together?**

### Prayer In Time Of COVID

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, strength to family members, friends, relatives, clergy and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Bishop Robert Kasun CSB  
Auxiliary Bishop Central Region  
Archdiocese of Toronto*

## Resources during the pandemic

Visit [www.archtoronto.org/](http://www.archtoronto.org/) for links daily masses including:

1. **Daily Mass from Loretto Abbey** (also broadcast on TV)
2. **Daily Mass and Rosary with Cardinal Collins** live from St. Michael's  
<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/liveCathedral Basilica>  
7:30am Mon.-Sat.  
10:00am Sunday
3. **ASL Mass Livestream** from the International Catholic Deaf Association, Canadian Section
4. Covid-19 resources: [www.archtoronto.org/covid19](http://www.archtoronto.org/covid19)

### Spiritual Communion

During the pandemic we are unable to physically take part in communion. Spiritual Communion is a way to be united with Christ when we cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. When viewing mass online say this prayer at the time of communion.

#### ***St. Alphonsus Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion***

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **Pope's prayer to Virgin Mary for protection**

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us.*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

